

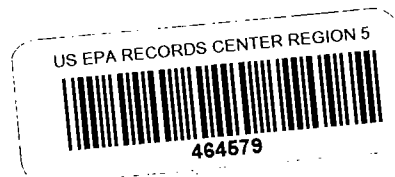


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Re: Notification of (Second) Five-Year Review Start
American Chemical Service, Inc. Site, Griffith, Indiana

Dear Mr. Kasarabada:

This letter serves to notify you that U. S. EPA has started the second Five Year Review process for the American Chemical Service, Inc. (ACS) site, Griffith, IN. We are conducting a statutory Five Year Review at the ACS site, as required by Superfund¹ law, to evaluate the remedial actions we've implemented at the site and determine if the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment.

You may recall that we completed the first Five Year Review for the ACS site on April 5, 2001, when the final remedial action components were just being readied for implementation. The second Five Year Review is thus due on or before April 5, 2006.

I am providing you this notification so that we may begin the necessary coordination activities between our two agencies. Therefore, if you should have any issues that you would like highlighted or discussed in the Five-Year Review please let me know as soon as practicable so that we can deal with them promptly. As I go through the review I will also try to raise to your attention any potentially contentious issues as early as possible. I have attached a general timeline for the Five Year Review process so that we may plan our schedules accordingly.

I will be conducting a Five Year Review site inspection as part of the review process and I will contact you in the near future to schedule the site inspection. We will also be publishing a notice in the local newspaper announcing the beginning of the Five-Year Review process and soliciting comments on the remedy. I will be working with Janet Pope, our Community Involvement Coordinator, on a schedule for the publication of the notice.

¹Section 121(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986.

If you should have any questions concerning the upcoming Five Year Review process for the ACS site please call me at (312) 886-7078 or e-mail at adler.kevin@epa.gov. I look forward to working with you towards the successful completion of this phase of the ACS cleanup project.

Sincerely,



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